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Lindsay Wise/STAFF

EAGLES RUIN BLUE HENS: The Eagles ran over the University of Delaware Saturday, improving their record to 2-0. Senior Adrian Peterson ran for over 100 yards once again, breaking the all-time collegiate record for consecutive games of 100+ yards rushing.

A Day for Southern to be held Sept. 11

G-A News Service

An estimated 250 A Day for Southern volunteers will gather beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday in GSU's union ballroom to kick off the annual one-day fund drive.

After breakfast at 7:30, 80 teams of volunteers will disperse into the community to visit GSU supporters and make more than 1,110 calls. The day concludes with a victory celebration, planned for 6:15 p.m. in the ballroom, when results will be announced.

The 28th annual A Day for

Southern's goal is to garner more than \$1 million for the GSU Foundation and Southern Boosters. Gifts support a wide range of GSU pro-

grams and activities, including student scholarships and outreach initiatives.

munity.

"Through many generations in our 95-year history, one of the abiding characteristics of the college-community relationship has been the willingness of supporters to go the extra mile for the university," said Jimmy Franklin, chairman of the Foundation.

"For 28 years, the annual A Day for Southern campaign has been Georgia Southern's mainstay of support for the special resources needed to advance the institution. We need that support again this year."

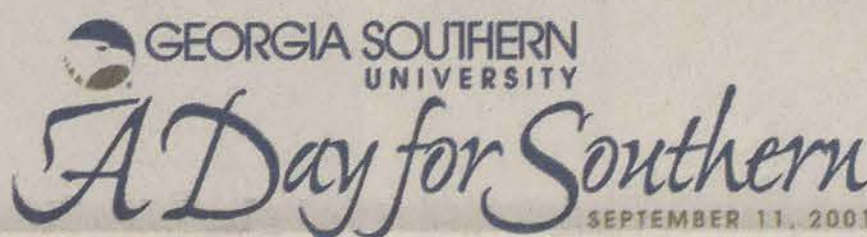
Gifts to the Foundation and A Day for Southern enhance a range of areas including scholarships; computer equipment and software; cultural performances, lectures and other extracurricular activities which enrich classroom learning; study travel opportunities for students and outreach programs including the Botanical Garden, the Center for Wildlife Education and the Georgia Southern Museum. Southern Boosters and athletics also benefit.

"As the university continues its pursuit of excellence, the work of the foundation is vital to providing support for present and future needs," Britt said.

Volunteers make A Day for Southern special

For lifetime Bulloch County

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Special Photo

EAGLE PHILANTHROPY: Lamar Reddick, Statesboro land surveyor and real estate developer, has volunteered with the A Day For Southern drive for more than 20 years.

grams and activities, including student scholarships and outreach initiatives.

The GSU Foundation supplies the solid grounding that keeps Eagle academic programs soaring.

As their annual fund drive approaches, the Foundation's pivotal role in funding enhancements of GSU's academic distinction becomes increasingly clear.

Established in 1962, the Foundation assists GSU in fulfilling its multi-faceted mission and in its efforts to achieve edu-

help cover the university's basic operating costs," Britt said. "However, these funds do not cover the entire cost of programs, projects, equipment and buildings that add quality and value to a university education. The funding for enhancements is the focus of the Georgia Southern University Foundation."

Besides the A Day for Southern drive, the Foundation sponsors several specific opportunities for making gifts including the Annual Fund, the Phonathon, estate gifts and major gifts that endow programs and scholarships, Britt said.

In fiscal year 2001, more than \$1 million was raised in the A Day for Southern community and campus campaign. The Phonathon, contacting alumni and parents of current students by phone, raised more than \$225,000 last year - primarily in gifts ranging from \$25 to \$100. These contributions and others helped the Foundation to award more than \$690,000 in scholarships last year.

Together the Foundation and the A Day for Southern drive open opportunities for students and the com-

GSU enrollment rises along with SAT scores

Erik Howard
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GSU showed gains in the three most important enrollment numbers of an academic year, with increases in student head count, credit hours, and SAT scores reported in the first release of Fall semester figures.

This year, GSU enrolled more than 2,700 freshmen, down from 3,000 enrolled last year. GSU also denied 600 more prospective applicants than last year.

Even though freshman enrollment is down, the yield rate for accepted applicants is slightly higher than in the past—6,000 applicants were accepted to GSU and 2,722 enrolled, a rate of 45.4 percent.

With increasing enrollment standards, there are many who feel this year's freshmen might be the most academically prepared students to grace campus in recent memory.

According to Dr. Linda Bleicken, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, the new stan-

dards mean freshmen enrolled this year will be able to handle the rigorous load upperclassmen know all too well.

GSU raised admissions standards in 1999, halting acceptance of applicants who don't meet qualifications. In the next two years, the academic credentials of the new freshman class improved 38 points in SAT scores.

"That shows that we're attracting students who are better qualified academically," Bleicken said.

In order to be accepted to GSU, students need a minimum 480 verbal and 440 math score on the SAT, slightly higher than what the Board of Regents wants for a university of GSU's status. The projected SAT score for this year's freshmen is 1020, up from last year's

1008.

SAT scores alone do not tell how prepared a student is, or how well he or she will do once in college. In order to determine which applicants to accept,

viewed on a one-on-one basis.

The majority of freshmen are choosing majors in the College of Science and Technology. Twenty-six percent have declared majors in COST, while 25 percent are unsure of what they want to do and remain undeclared.

According to GSU officials, the projected total enrollment for Fall 2001 is 14,400, a 1.5 percent increase over the final figure for Fall 2000. Georgia Southern also posted a 6 percent gain in credit hours from 170,662 to 180,800. At the same time SAT scores continued their upswing with a predicted 1026 average this fall, a gain of nearly 40 points in the past two years.

"When you put together a year that shows increases in all three numbers

— enrollment, credit hours and SAT scores — that's about as good as it gets," GSU President Bruce F. Grube said. "It confirms our conviction that higher admission standards and higher enrollment complement each other at Georgia Southern. That will continue to be our plan."

Bleicken shared Grube's enthusiasm. "All of this is very good news," Bleicken said. "It's an indication of the strides Georgia Southern is continuing to make."

The projected enrollment for this fall is more than 200 students higher than the final total for the Fall of 2000, when 14,184 students were enrolled at the University. The final census for this semester will be released in October.

"I think there are a couple of reasons for our increased enrollment," Bleicken said. "First of all, we received a very strong effort from our admissions office to recruit qualified freshmen."

"Secondly, we're doing a better job of retaining continuing students than we've done in the past."

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— DR. BRUCE GRUBE
GSU PRESIDENT

the admissions department uses an equation known as the "freshman index," a combination of high school GPA and SAT or ACT scores.

However, applicants without this index were still considered. According to Bleicken, each application was re-



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

September 6

•Jonathan Lee English, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•Andrew Collier Gowen, 20, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

•Chris Duncan Wasserman II, 18, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by consumption.

September 7

•Michael Cody Tharpe, 18, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Michael Madison Black, 18, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Warren S. Brantley Jr., 18, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Jaime Martin, 18, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

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•Marcee Anne Polhamus, 20, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the *George-Anne* in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

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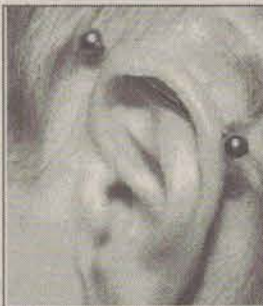
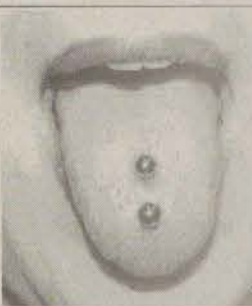
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International News Brief

Kidnapped American asks Catholics, family to negotiate \$2.5 million release

Associated Press

ACAPULCO, Mexico—A prominent American abducted more than two months ago in this resort city wrote a letter asking church officials to ensure his family pays a \$2.5 million ransom demanded by his kidnappers.

A pair of missives dated Aug. 4 and published in the *El Sur* newspaper Thursday, were reportedly written and signed by Ron Lavender, a real estate agent who heads the Friends of Acapulco charity group and was abducted by a band of armed men as he left his office June 22.

In a letter addressed to Angel Martinez Galeana, spokesman for Acapulco's archbishop, Lavender asked the Catholic Church to help find out why his family has not paid the \$2.5 million ransom demanded by his

kidnappers.

"I don't understand what's wrong with Jason and Cindy in this matter," the letter states. "Despite the specific instructions I have provided them and the specific plans we have made, it seems they don't realize how grave my situation really is."

It goes on to state that Lavender's family members may have been discouraged from paying the full ransom by Mexican authorities who, "tricked and manipulated them," into thinking the kidnappers would accept a smaller payoff.

Members of Lavender's family in Acapulco were unavailable for comment Thursday and have refused to speak to the press since his abduction, fearing it may anger his kidnappers.

The second letter to Alicia, appar-

ently Lavender's secretary at Friends of Acapulco, asks that the association do all it can to support his family.

"I hope to be back soon, God willing, to continue our work at Amigos de Acapulco," it reads.

Lavender, a native of Iowa, has also been president of the Association of Foreign Residents of Acapulco and of the Brisas Guitarron Homeowners Association.

Lavender graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1950 and came to the Pacific Coast city four years later to open a restaurant known as "Hungry Herman's."

He opened a real estate company in 1964 and it is one of the best-known real estate agents in the entire city.

Zimbabwe unrest continues despite pledge to restore rule of law and stop farm seizures

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe—Ruling party militants occupied a farm Saturday, burning buildings and threatening its white manager in violence that came three days after Zimbabwe's government pledged to restore law and order and stop the seizure of white-owned land.

About 150 militants stormed onto Logan Lee Farm in Beatrice, 40 miles south of Harare, and threatened manager Angus Brown and his employees, said Jenni Williams, a spokeswoman for the Commercial Farmers' Union, which represents about 5,000 white landowners. Brown fled. Police refused to respond to calls for help, and the local farmers' association advised Brown via radio to abandon the property after workers' houses were burnt, Williams said.

The attack was the first since Foreign Minister Stan Mudenge pledged Thursday to end farm occupations in return for British funding for orderly land reform.

Ruling party militants have occupied more than 1,700 white-owned farms since March 2000, spurred by a government campaign to take 4,600 white-owned farms about 95 percent of all white-owned land in Zimbabwe and give the land to blacks.

At least nine white farmers and dozens of supporters of the opposition to the government President Robert Mugabe have died in since June.

The foreign minister's pledge came in an accord that was reached in Abuja, Nigeria, and was brokered by Nigeria with the support of Britain and Commonwealth members.

The accord, which obliges Zimbabwe's government to uphold the law, has not been signed by Mugabe, who officials said was in Libya on a state visit.

Mugabe in the past has described the farm occupations as "a minor trespass" and a legitimate protest against unfair land ownership by the white minority.

In other discord Saturday, opposi-

tion leaders accused the ruling party of rigging a mayor election in the Western city of Bulawayo. A ruling party spokesman, Nathan Shamuyarira, dismissed the claims.

Ruling party supporters were bused in to the area to help sway the vote in favor of the ruling party candidate, said David Coltart, a spokesman for the opposition Movement for Democratic Change.

The Movement for Democratic Change, which holds 56 of the 120 elected seats in Zimbabwe's parliament, was expected to win the mayoral elections easily. Results are expected Monday.

In the Makoni East district, 100 miles southeast of Harare, where a parliamentary by-election was under way, police said five opposition supporters were arrested for beating five backers of the ruling party, state radio reported.

Mugabe has been in power for 22 years and plans to seek another six-year presidential term in elections.

Bodies of victims slain in Sacramento arrive in Ukraine

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine—Grieving relatives of a Ukrainian mother and son slain in a massacre in the U.S. city of Sacramento met the bodies Saturday when they arrived in Ukraine for burial.

Lyubov Soltys and her 3-year-old son Sergei were among six relatives allegedly killed last month by her husband Nikolay Soltys, also a Ukrainian immigrant to the United States.

Their coffins arrived from Sacramento via London on Saturday evening at Boryspil airport in Ukraine's capital Kiev.

Lyubov Soltys' father, Ihor Nakonechnyi, and her two brothers met the coffins, which were transported in two wooden boxes equipped with handles. The men barely restrained tears while measuring the boxes before putting them into a small minivan.

They left the airport's freight department quickly and quietly, making their way to Soltys' hometown of Shumsk in the western Ukrainian Ternopil region, 360 kilometers (220 miles) from Kiev.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, allegedly slashed his wife's throat, then killed his aunt and uncle and their two 9-year-old grandchildren on Aug. 20. Authorities say he fled with his son, who was found dead one day later in a cardboard box on a trash heap.

Soltys' wife was three-months pregnant when she was killed.

Police searched for Soltys for more than a week and arrested him in his mother's backyard on Aug. 30.

Soltys allegedly told detectives he killed his relatives because they were "poisoning" him, perhaps suggesting they were ruining his reputation.

Soltys was charged Wednesday with seven counts of first-degree murder in a Sacramento court. One of the counts was for the unborn child.

Soltys' aunt and uncle and their grandchildren were buried in the Sacramento area last week, while his wife's parents decided to transport Lyubov Soltys' and her son's bodies to Ukraine. Their funeral are scheduled for Sunday in Shumsk.

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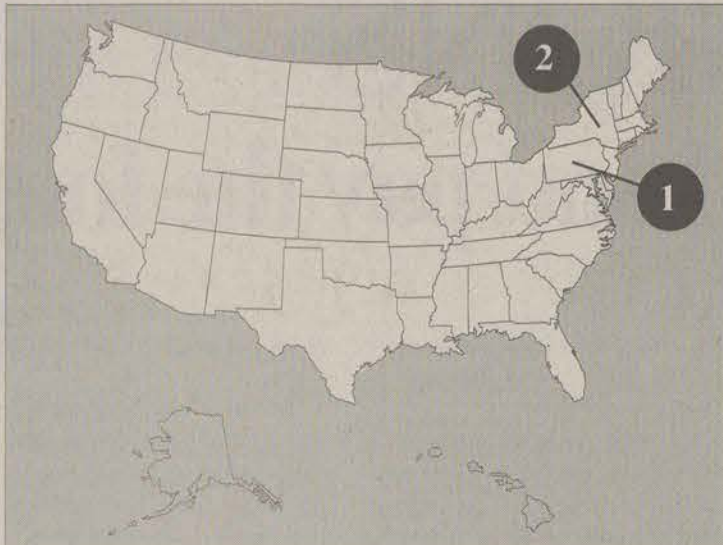
NESQUEHONING — Fried chicken and tacos are fast-food restaurant owner Jeff Bower's bread and butter, but it was a competing hamburger chain that made him a millionaire.

Bower, co-owner of a Taco Bell and KFC franchise, won \$1 million at the McDonald's restaurant in Nesquehoning, Carbon County, in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The 31-year-old Bower and his father own a KFC and Taco Bell restaurant in Brodheadsville, Monroe County, about 28 miles from the McDonald's where he won the prize Sunday. McDonald's officially named Bower as the winner on Thursday.

"I went to McDonald's for breakfast and, ironically, held the door open for someone to enter the restaurant before me," Bower said. "When I walked into the restaurant, I was approached by this special prize team who told me I won a million dollars."

Bower said he is being ribbed about "getting caught eating red-handed at the competition."



"The McDonald's prize patrol walked up to him, tapped him on the shoulder and gave him an envelope," said Nesquehoning McDonald's owner Scott Kavlick. "We had no clue we were chosen as a restaurant. We were just as surprised as Jeff was."

2 New York
**Baby wrecks
mother's car**

BAY SHORE — A 2-year-old Long Island boy took his mother's car for a joy ride Thursday just before running into a house, police said.

But his mother was the one served

with the \$40 ticket.

Vanessa Huff, 33, of Bay Shore, was served with a summons for leaving her 1986 Chevrolet sedan unattended at about 10 a.m., with the keys in the ignition, said Suffolk County Police spokeswoman Officer Renee Hauser.

While Huff ran inside her Community Road home to retrieve a forgotten item, her son, Mathew Olsen, climbed out of his car seat, started the car and drove north across Union Boulevard, police said.

The car coasted down the road before striking a house at 79 Community Road, causing extensive damage, police said. No injuries were reported.

**Barbados televangelist charged
with raping 14-year-old girl**

Associated Press

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — A television evangelist who is widely known throughout Barbados has been charged with raping a 14-year-old girl, police said Saturday.

Pastor Jippy Doyle, 32, surrendered to police with his lawyer late Friday and was charged with attempted rape and rape, police said.

He was released Saturday after paying a \$25,000 bail set by Magistrate Glyde Nicholl.

Scores were gathered to watch Doyle leave the courthouse in Bridgetown, the capital.

Doyle's supporters in the crowd yelled "We're with you!" as Doyle left with his lawyer, Richard Cheltenham.

Both declined to comment on the accusations.

The Christian minister allegedly attempted to have sex with the girl on March 3 at his home in southern

Barbados.

Police said he then had sexual intercourse with her at his home on May 12.

Doyle, the head of Dominion Life Ministries, will appear again in court Nov. 22.

Calls seeking comment from Dominion Life Ministries officials went unanswered.

It was not immediately clear which Christian denomination Doyle belonged to.

Even while the minister was in custody, his weekly program was shown on television.

If convicted, Doyle could face a sentence of more than 10 years in prison.

If acquitted, Doyle still could face charges of statutory rape.

Consensual sex between adults and minors under the age of 16 is considered statutory rape in Barbados, a Caribbean island nation.

Drug agents find booby-trapped marijuana plants

Associated Press

HOULTON, Maine — A Sherman Mills couple faces drug charges following a search that revealed a booby-trapped marijuana-growing operation.

Drug agents on Thursday found and

dismantled a shotgun rigged to fire if anyone set foot where marijuana was grown, said Stephen McCausland of the Maine Public Safety Department. Agents reported the shotgun was loaded and the hammer was cocked, McCausland said.

Jeff Mitchell, 28, was charged with aggravated cultivation of marijuana and reckless conduct with a firearm. His girlfriend, Amanda Rodgers, 20, was charged with a misdemeanor and released on bond.

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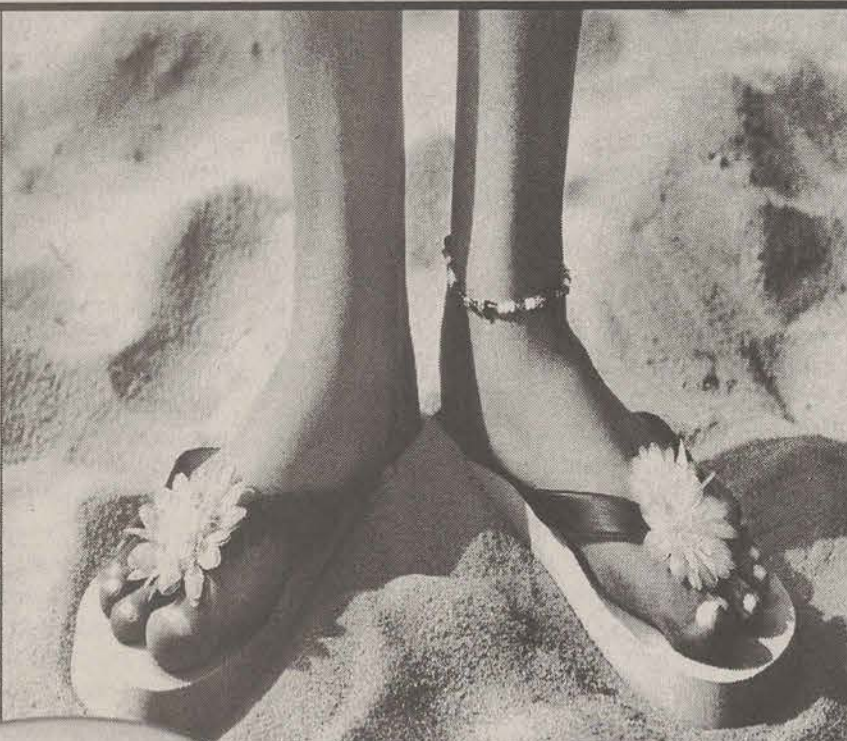
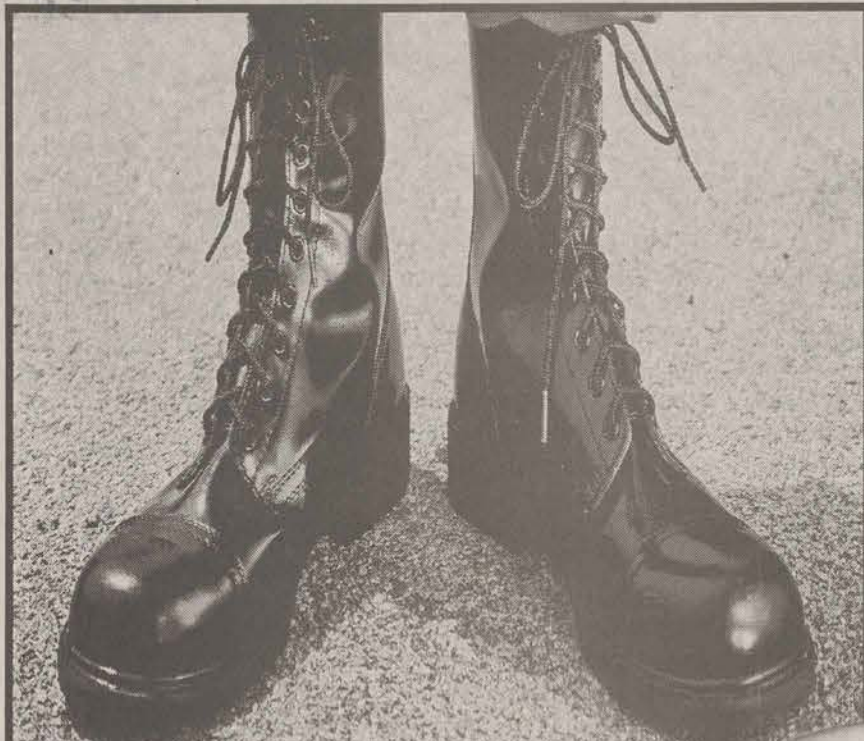
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OPINIONS

Our Opinion

A Day for Southern helps to form closer bond between the GSU and Statesboro communities

A Day for Southern is a wonderful affirmation of the growing closeness between GSU and the Statesboro community, a symbiotic relationship that cannot be denied when one looks at the underlying economic figures.

With GSU sending over \$1 million a day to the Statesboro area and \$2 million every football weekend, it's certain that Bulloch County would be a much, much different place without GSU.

By the same token, GSU owes much to Statesboro, above and beyond merely serving as a place to live when the dormitories are full. As GSU has grown, so has Statesboro, adding more opportunities for students to shop, eat and live than if the community had simply chosen to ignore

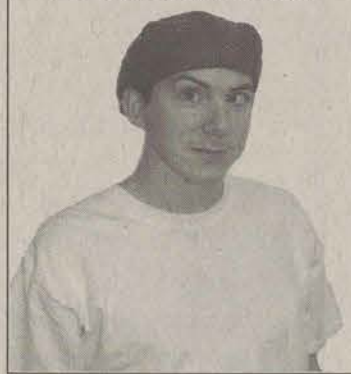
the university.

This unity between "town and gown" wasn't always there (and, sadly, periodically still breaks down). One need look no further than the inspection plates on older buildings that read "Collegeboro" to be reminded of the days when GSC and Statesboro were considered two completely different worlds.

The George-Anne supports the efforts of the GSU Foundation as it embarks upon A Day for Southern this week, and exhorts the community to give generously, looking at the gifts as not a handout to support the local institution of higher learning, but as an investment in the community itself.

Go ahead and pay the football team

JAKE HALLMAN



I'm not a GSU football supporter.

I never have been, except for being coerced into going to the games by various women throughout my long and storied college career.

I can't stand the drunk screamers at the games. I see no reason to get that worked up unless you're a player or a coach with either a scholarship or a paycheck on the line. I curse weekly the traffic snarls around my close-to-Paulson home.

When I get calls asking for money to help the Boosters (yup, I'm alumnus), I laugh at them. I'm unbearably patronizing to cheerleaders at parties, especially when their names rhyme. I make nasty comments asking "when are we going to stop playing high

school teams?"

And yes, I would probably kick small children and puppy dogs, too, given the chance.

I used to level disparaging comments at the football team itself. Comments in a past column led to a nasty incident in which a former player lifted me in the air (by my neck), while yelling "Way to support your team! Way to support your team!"

Whereas I may have somehow threatened his

masculinity, I have no illusions that any column I write will ever affect the good Mr. Johnson's win/loss record. Maybe the strapping young lad was just jealous of how I have a neck.

I won't say bad things about the boys in blue any more, however.

Why?

I was the lone G-A photographer available for Media Day at Paulson a few weeks back. Trembling and overcome with fear, primarily since I didn't know if neck-boy had graduated.

It was roughly four million degrees Fahrenheit on the field that day. Footballs were bursting into flames as they were tossed, and the goalposts had developed a post-championship droop from the sheer heat.

I know what makes Paulson's

grass so green—it's the gallons of sweat put into it by the blue-and-white.

I wouldn't let a dog outside in that kind of heat. Maybe a small child, if they're talkative enough. My trusty "papa hat" still smells like rancid Jake-sweat from that day.

I KNOW WHAT MAKES PAULSON'S GRASS SO GREEN—IT'S THE GALLONS OF SWEAT PUT INTO IT BY THE BLUE-AND-WHITE.

And these kids (I'm almost 25 now, so I can say that) were out there practically killing each other in what felt like one of Dante's sixth-circle tombs. They came close to killing me, too, as I found out that receivers don't really look in front of them all too much to see if a guy with a camera's there.

Again, I'm not a GSU football supporter, but screw the NCAA. Pay these guys.

Lots of money. We hear about college football corruption all the time—bring it out in the open. They get scholarships, good housing and God knows what else, so why not add a little financial incentive?

It's not such a radical idea. The marching band gets paid. Hell, I get paid for writing this. Football (and all other GSU sports) are a

form of student labor in terms of making the university look good, bringing in new students and raking in wheelbarrows of cash. Make it worth their time.

Take it a step further—implement a sliding pay scale. I hear that Adrian Peterson and J.R. Revere are responsible for lots of

gridiron goodness, so hike up their salaries as an incentive to "less-than-motivated" athletes. Give kids extra pay for

seniority, too. A lot of these guys are looking forward to careers in the NFL (okay, CFL), so why not give them a taste of free-market, "you're-paid-as-long-as-you're-useful" economy now? It might serve them better than an algebra class.

C'mon. I'm sitting in an air-conditioned office and drawing a meager salary. Why not slide a little cash towards the guys who have to put up with Dis-like temperatures and the possibility of life-ending injury?

I still won't go to the games, but then I might feel a little guilty about it.

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Players beware: What goes around comes around

JILL BURNHAM



Calling all girls. Good girls, bad girls, even players. As long as you're a girl, listen up!

I recently watched the movie Boomerang with Eddie Murphy. Somehow, this movie escaped my viewing pleasure when it was first released in 1992 by Paramount. It came on television one night.

I had a few hours to kill so I sat down and started watching what would become the best movie ever created, in my opinion.

For you folks out there who have never seen Boomerang, let me give you a brief summary. It basically boils down to the character played by Eddie Murphy.

Marcus Graham is a player. He thinks he's the shit because he's got a great job that pays, he's cute, he knows how to dress, and he can basically get any girl he wants any number of times a week.

We've all seen this type. He's the kind of guy our mothers warned us about to NEVER get involved with because it doesn't matter what he says, he's NEVER gonna call.

Well, that's true until he meets his match with the character, Jacqueline, played by Robin Givens. And let me tell you girls, at first I hated her but by the end of the movie I was ready

to start a Givens fan club on the Internet.

The same advertising firm that Marcus works for hires Jacqueline and they begin

getting mad when she doesn't call.

Talk about role-reversal, Jeeezzzzz!!!! For once, the guy got a taste of what the girl

get a guy who's been played.

So girls, just keep in mind that what goes around comes around.

If you keep getting played, remember somewhere out in the world there is a girl who is going to play him just like he played you and he will be a changed man.

Unfortunately, you might not

ever know he's been played, but just the thought that one day he'll get a taste of his own medicine is enough to make me sleep like a baby at night and completely forget about him.

In the end, he's not worth the time or energy until he's been played.

Calling all girl players.....keep up the good work.

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SO GIRLS, JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND. IF YOU KEEP GETTING PLAYED, REMEMBER SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE WORLD THERE IS A GIRL WHO IS GOING TO PLAY HIM JUST LIKE HE PLAYED YOU AND HE WILL BE A CHANGED MAN.

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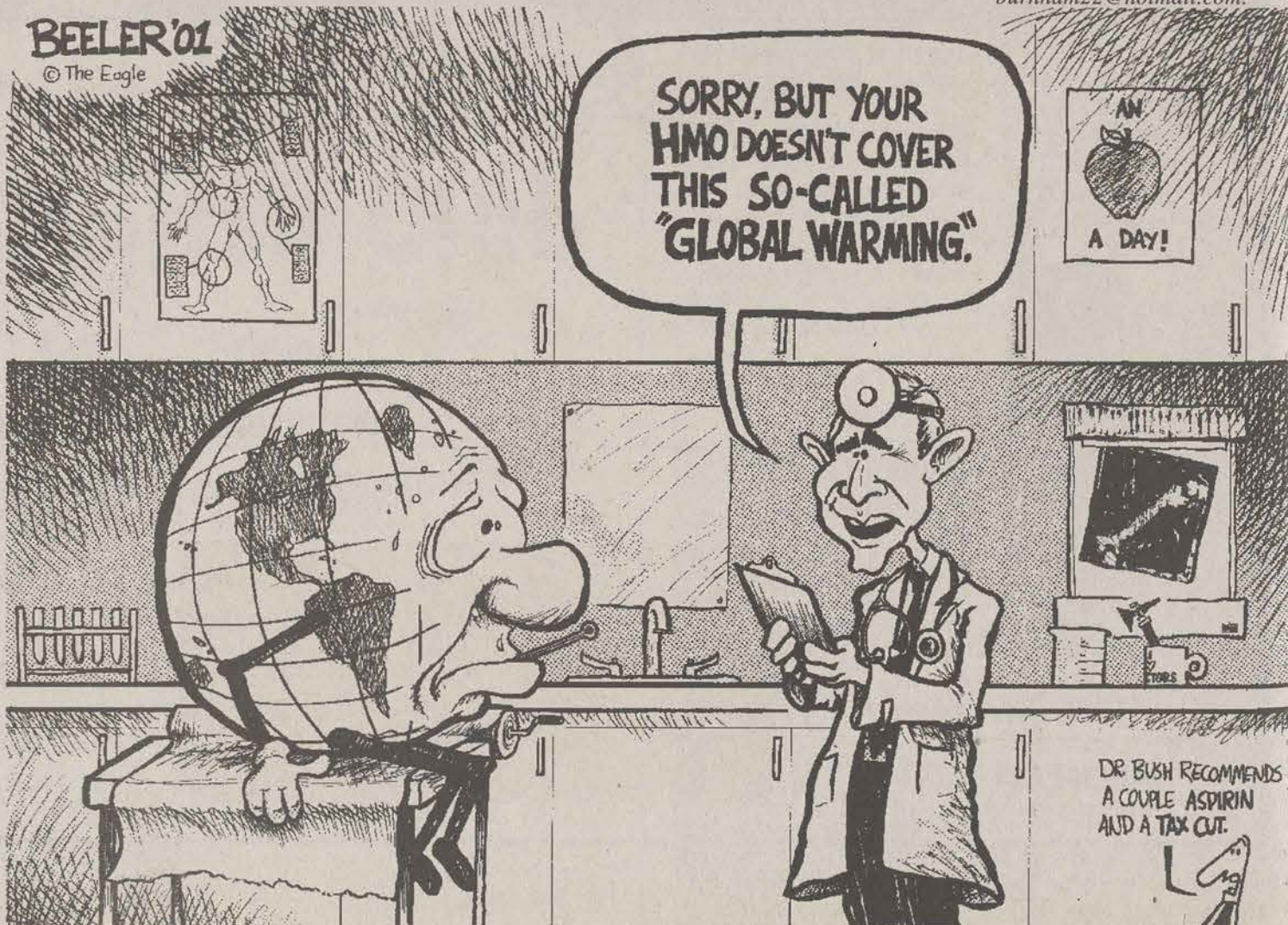
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GSU researcher familiar with West Nile virus

G-A News Service

As the West Nile Virus continues to spread through part of the state's bird population, an associate professor in GSU's biology department who has studied the mosquitoes that transmit the disease said most people shouldn't be alarmed.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), less than one percent of the mosquitoes in areas where West Nile Virus has been detected are infected with the disease. Further, less than one percent of the people who do get infected ever become seriously ill.

"The odds of a healthy person having any problems are extremely remote," said Dr. Bill Irby, who was part of a team of researchers that studied last year's West Nile Virus outbreak in metropolitan New York.

A blue jay that was found dead in the Effingham County town of Rincon Aug. 22 tested positive for West Nile Virus. The disease has been confirmed in dead birds found in 26 Georgia counties, many of them in the extreme southern part of the state near the Florida border.

So far, more than 80 dead birds found in Georgia have tested positive for West Nile Virus, but there has been only one confirmed case of the disease in a human in the entire state. The death of a 71-year-old Atlanta woman last month was attributed to West Nile Virus, which can cause encephalitis in humans.

"The elderly and people with weak immune systems have the greatest risk of contracting the disease," Irby said.

According to the CDC, West Nile Virus was first isolated in a

human in 1937 in the West Nile region of Uganda. The first cases of the disease in North America were reported in August of 1999 when 62 people in New York became severely infected. Seven of those people eventually died.

Thanks to mosquitoes that survived the winter, West Nile Virus resurfaced in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut during the summer of 2000 with 21 additional severe cases, including two more deaths—an 82-year-old man and an 87-year-old woman.

Irby spent part of last summer in the Queens borough of New York City studying the mosquitoes which spread West Nile Virus by feeding on the blood of infected birds and then biting other vertebrates. Irby and his fellow scientists used specially designed battery powered vacuums to collect more than 4,000

mosquitoes for their research.

"Nine species of mosquitoes in New York carry the virus," Irby said. "Of those nine species, seven are found in Georgia."

Considering metropolitan New York's huge population, Irby said the nine deaths caused by West Nile Virus over the previous two summers should not alarm the residents of South Georgia.

"Among what would be a relatively large population of potentially susceptible people in New York, incidence of serious disease was low or non-existent," Irby said. "Of course, people in this area who are at the greatest risk for the virus should take precautions to avoid mosquito bites, but as far as most people are concerned, there's certainly no need to panic."

EXPRESS, FROM PAGE 1

possibly into the second year, on-campus sales would decrease, but because in the future deposits would skyrocket, on-campus sales would eventually return.

Last August, Palfy went into an agreement with Archibald's and Arby's for a "test run" to see how the project would do. It did well enough for Palfy to open up the opportunity to the rest of the Statesboro retail community. Presently, there are 25 retail units off-campus that accept Eagle Express, and the number is growing every week. In addition to the stores and restaurants that currently accept Eagle Express, Franklin's Restaurant, The Fast and Easy Three, and Soul to Soul Kitchen (located within The Woodin Nickel) are also accepting Eagle Express. However, students are not allowed to purchase alcohol and tobacco, firearms or tattoos and piercings with their card.

GSU receives 10 percent of the net price on sales (excluding tax). The only other source of revenue from the program is that the retailers can rent their machines from Palfy, and if anything goes wrong, he can replace the machine immediately, and fix the broken machine at his own cost.

The machine used for Eagle Express is just like a standard credit card machine. To perform a sale for Eagle Express, a clerk presses 1 and then enters the student's Social Security number either by hand or by swiping the card. However, by pressing the number 2, the machine interprets it as a credit card transaction.

Palfy says that the only prob-

lem with the program is that many times, the cashier will forget to press 1 before entering the Social Security number. Unfortunately, 2 is one of the most common first numbers to a person's social. Many times, the machine interprets an Eagle Express sale as a credit card transaction. Palfy says that the mistake is taken care of within 24 hours because he runs reports to catch any problems that might occur.

"Out of a week's time, it might happen only 2-3 times. That's the only problem I've had, and it's not that big of a problem."

In four years, Palfy hopes that the deposits per year will reach \$2 million. However, he received \$565,070 this August alone, so he believes that he will exceed the \$2 million mark this year.

"We have this pot of money that we're holding where the students are depositing money. As it is spent at all the various on-campus units, we pull that money out of the pot and give credit to every unit on a weekly or monthly basis. Well, for the off-campus units, we pull their portion out of the pot once a month and reimburse them with a check," Palfy explains.

GSU is not yet to the point of automatic transfer of funds, but Palfy hopes that will happen in the future.

Arby's was one of the original participants in the program, and it also maintains the highest income from Eagle Express sales. Last year, Arby's brought in \$19,000 from Eagle Express sales during its best month, and Palfy predicts that the numbers will easily exceed that this year.

One drawback to the program is the recent appearance of surcharges with the use of the Eagle

Express cards. However, these charges do not make up for the 10% royalties that the University receives and could possibly end up hurting these businesses if students get tired of additional charges for the use of their cards.

The student I.D. has many uses on and off campus. Students may notice the card capabilities in the library at the copy machines and at vending machines around campus. Palfy says that he will add card capabilities to machines in the Carroll Building, Forest Drive Building, and the Russell Union.

"One of the goals I want to shoot for with the Georgia Southern I.D. is to try to make it a universal card for everything on campus...the more functionality that I can add to this card, the more valuable this card is to the students."

Now, students can make deposits onto their Eagle Express accounts via the Web. First, go to www.aux.gasou.edu and click on Eagle Express. In order to make a deposit, simply click where it says "Eagle Express Deposit Form," and it will take you directly to a convenient form that is quick and easy to fill out. Students can also drop and add meal plans by accessing the same Web site.

Palfy is excited about the recent success of the Eagle Express program, and he has high hopes for the future. Eagle Express is a convenient way for students to contribute to local Statesboro retailers, as well as to GSU. The number of stores and restaurants that accept Eagle Express grows everyday, showing the community's eagerness to maintain a symbiotic relationship with GSU.

SOUTHERN, FROM PAGE 1

resident Lamar Reddick, helping his hometown university is time well spent.

The Statesboro land surveyor and real estate developer has volunteered his time and resources to the annual A Day for Southern fundraising drive for more than 20 years, calling on his fellow business owners to support GSU.

"Giving a day out of the year for something that you believe in is not really a sacrifice," said Reddick, who will team up with approximately 200 other volunteers and fan out into the community to collect donations that fund educational and athletic programs Tuesday, Sept. 11.

"As I see it, there are two kinds of people—givers and takers," Reddick said. "The community and the university have been good to me and my family. It's important to me to be able to give something back—not only money, but time."

Reddick, a Bulloch County businessman for 38 years, feels like GSU is family. In fact, two of his four sons—and his wife, Glenda—are all graduates of the university. His granddaughter, Erin, began classes at GSU this fall.

Reddick said it makes good sense to support the university through A Day for Southern, because GSU helps support the

community.

"We've got more than 14,000 students out at Georgia Southern," Reddick said. "They buy gas, they buy hamburgers, they buy groceries—they spend a lot of money. There's nobody in this county who can say that they aren't affected by Georgia Southern, because the money rolls over many times before it leaves town."

A study by Georgia Southern's Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development shows that GSU records a total annual economic impact of \$280 million—more than \$1 million each business day. That doesn't include other economic effects like the \$2 million impact in the local economy every time the Eagles play a home football game, or the uncounted impact when visitors attend conferences and other events held by the university.

"Volunteers like Mr. Reddick are the driving force behind the success of A Day For Southern," said Russell Keen, director of annual giving. "His commitment of time and energy speaks well of the wonderful partnership that Georgia Southern shares with this community."

Reddick said he is always impressed by the willingness of his friends and neighbors to give

something back.

"The generosity of some of the people we call on never ceases to amaze me," Reddick said. "It's important that the community get involved and stay involved, because what's good for Georgia Southern is good for this community."

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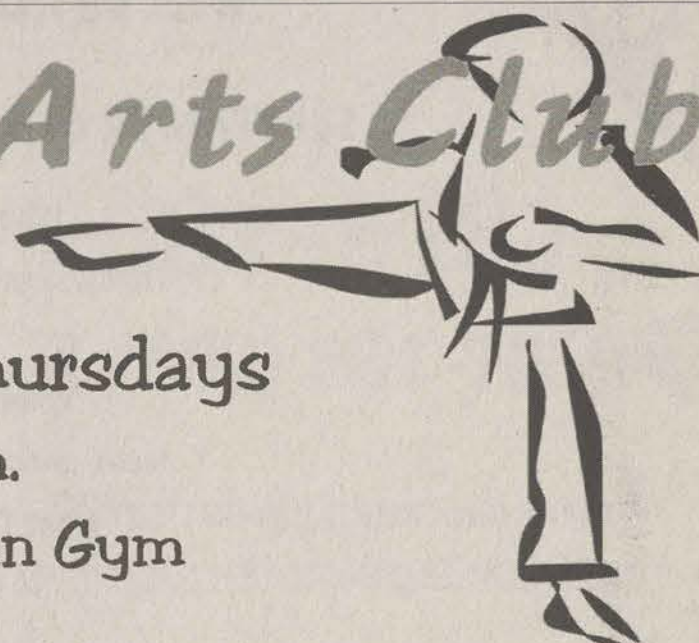
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GSU defense holds UD to 88 rushing yards in 38-7 victory

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Arms locked behind his back, J.R. Revere stood in the Lupton courtyard answering reporters' questions after Georgia Southern's 38-7 win over Delaware.

Revere, with shoulder pads off, stood in his undershirt, eye black still on, listening to the standard questions before spitting out an answer.

Along with the usual what-went-right, what-went-wrong questions were the customary talk-about-Adrian Peterson query.

Before Revere could answer, a Delaware beat writer asked what it felt like to outrush the Heisman Trophy candidate Peterson.

Revere snapped his head up and uncrossed his arms and flashed a smile, the first real emotion the quarterback had shown since coming out of the locker room to talk to the media. "I did? Really?" he said.

A local GSU reporter checked his stat sheet before bringing Revere back to earth. "Well, actually no J.R.," the reporter said. "AP went for 126; you finished with 117."

Revere shrugged and went ahead and described how the fullback's run of an NCAA-record 34 straight regular season games with 100 yards was spectacular.

Such is life for a GSU quarterback during Peterson's four-year reign. Records fall and yards accumulate and most media attention is directed at the fullback.

But Delaware head coach Tubby Raymond knows Revere is just as important to GSU's record setting offense.

"Our defense didn't play poorly, but the execution isn't up to the Revere-Peterson test," Raymond said. "Any team that wants to stop them has to gang-tackle Peterson and make sure Revere doesn't get outside [on the option]."

Revere did plenty of that Saturday, burning the Blue Hens on a 51-yard run in the third quarter plus plenty of other good runs on his way to 117 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries.

But Revere wasn't totally happy with the offense's 412 total yards.

"It feels good to win like this, but we have room for improvement," Revere said.

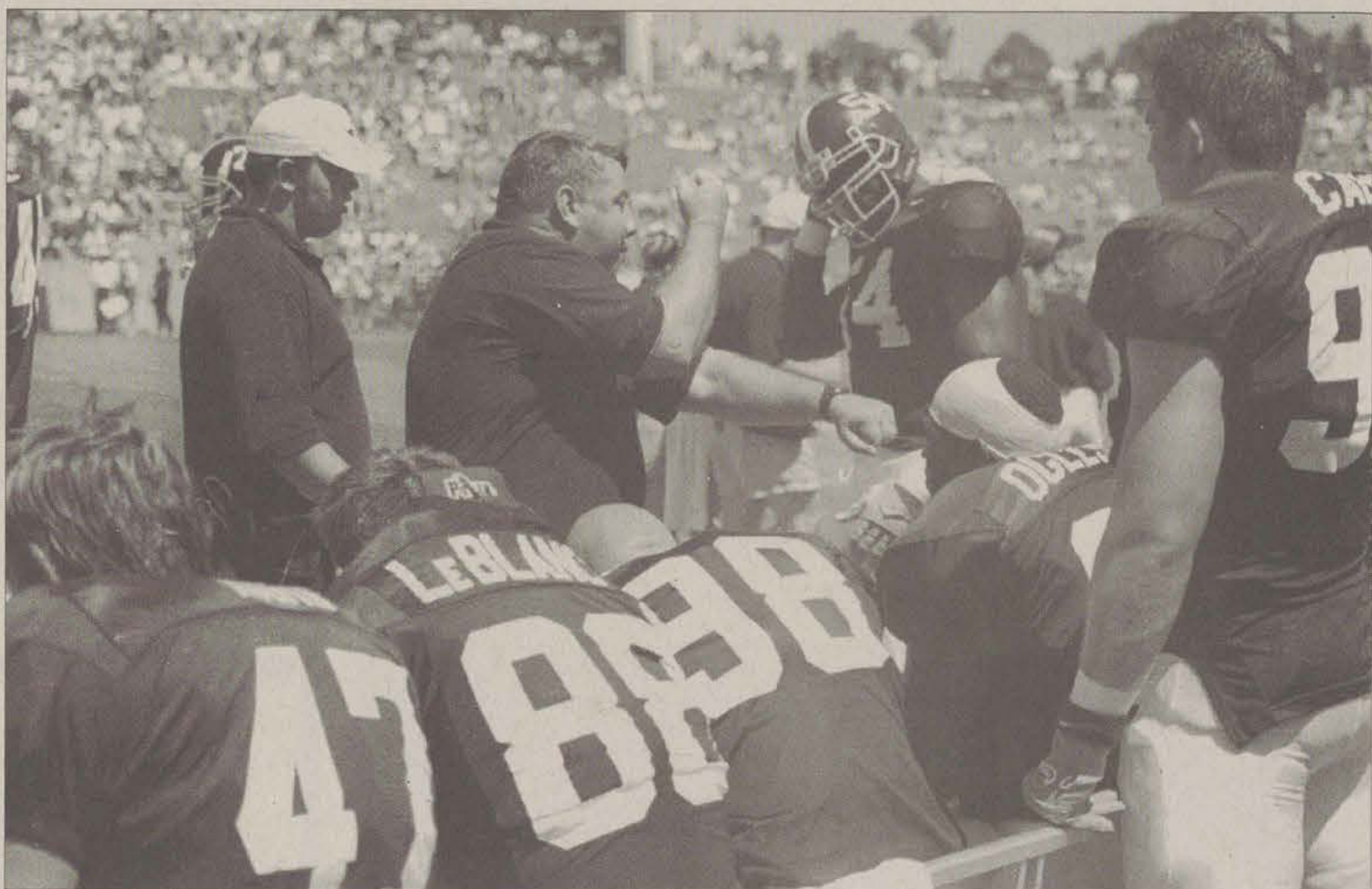
For the second straight game, the rushing game was solid but the passing game looked off. Revere completed just two-of-five passes for 63 yards, including a 56-yarder to Derrick Owens in the second quarter.

Owens ran free down the middle of the field but Revere's pass was under-thrown. Owens had to stop and wait for the ball, making the catch but was caught and drug down at the 10-yard line.

Two plays later Adrian Peterson did score from six yards out to put GSU up 21-0.

"The passing game is a little off, and it's not where we need to be," slotback Mark Myers said. "But we will be."

Already in midseason form is



Lindsay Wise/STAFF

HOLDING THEM BACK: Defensive Line Coach John Pate gives last minute pointers to the defensive line before they head back onto the field. The defensive line has held opponents' total offense to under 200 yards through the first two games.

the GSU defense. For the second game in a row the Eagles held their opponent to a single touchdown and under 200 yards out of total offense.

"We played hard and smart on defense and anytime you do that you have a chance to win," GSU head coach Paul Johnson said.

Johnson said GSU was

determined to stop the Delaware running game. GSU did just that, holding the Blue Hens to 88 yards on the ground on 40 attempts.

"We did a good job," Freddy Pesquiera said. "I think the defense is pretty cocky right now. We opened people's eyes; it's not just the offense people talk about anymore."

Pesquiera and the rest of the Eagle defense harassed Sam Postlethwait all day, sacking the Blue Hen quarterback five times and picking off one of his passes.

The second quarter belonged to cornerback Dreck Cooper, whose pick of Postlethwait's second quarter pass set up a Scott Shelton field goal. Earlier in the

quarter, Cooper also returned a fumble 58 yards for a touchdown that gave GSU a 14-0 lead.

Revere put GSU on the board first, scoring on a one-yard quarterback sneak, which came after a Delaware turnover. Slotback Kevin Davis ended the scoring in the fourth quarter with a 19-yard touchdown run.

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Lady Eagles end weekend invitational without a victory

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Georgia Southern stumbled during the first day of competition at the Hampton Inn/Jayhawk Invitational as they dropped a pair of matches to Kansas and Portland Friday at Horejsi Family Athletic Center.

The Eagles opened the day by falling 3-0 to Kansas in the first match of the tournament. The Jayhawks outhit the Eagles .263 to .067 in

claiming the victory. Camila Schmitz-Rower led Georgia Southern offensively in the match, recording a team-high 12 kills while also leading the Eagles in digs with eight. Martina Veiglova recorded 10 kills and four blocks in the match. Kansas (6-0) claimed game victories of 30-22, 30-20 and 30-22 in the victory.

The nightcap saw Georgia Southern (3-3) drop a 3-0 decision to Portland (2-3). Schmitz-Rower

again led the Eagles with 12 kills, while recording a .571 hitting percentage. She recorded her fourth double-double of the season by also tallying 11 digs. Veiglova also finished the match with a double-double, her third of the season, as she registered 11 kills and 10 digs. Portland outhit the Eagles .213 to .202 and claimed game victories of 30-22, 30-25 and 30-26 in winning the match.

Georgia Southern returned to action Saturday when it concluded the Hampton Inn/Jayhawk Invitational with a match against Montana at 11:00 a.m.

Montana used an efficient offense to defeat Georgia Southern 3-0 in the final match of the Hampton Inn/Kansas Invitational Saturday afternoon at Horejsi Family Athletic Center.

The Grizzlies (3-4) hit .439 during the match, as opposed to

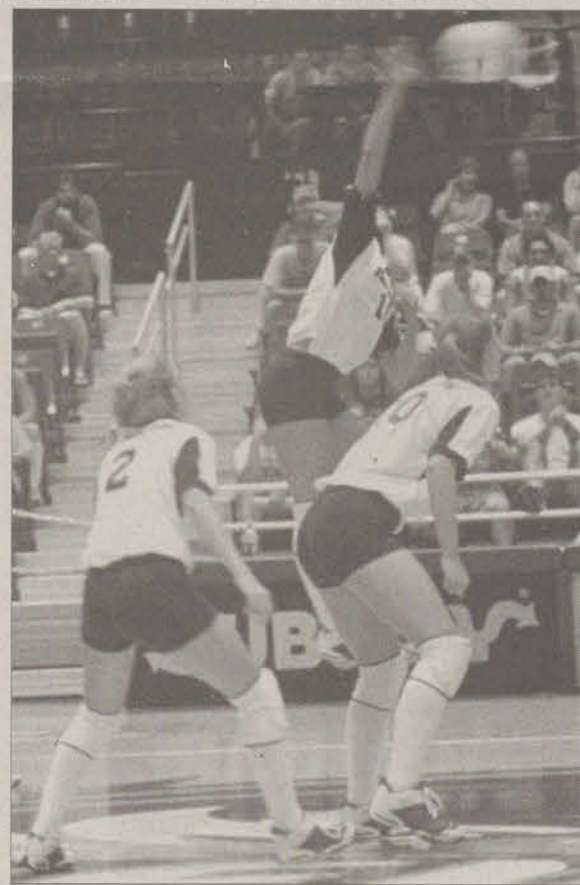
.183 for the Eagles.

Offensively, Georgia Southern (3-4) was led by Martina Veiglova, who finished the match with 16 kills and a .364 hitting percentage. Veiglova also finished with a team high eight digs. Camila Schmitz-Rower recorded nine kills in the match and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Montana jumped out to an early 1-0 lead by defeating GSU 30-16 in the first game. The Grizzlies hit .536 during the game as opposed to just .189 for the Eagles.

The second game was saw the Grizzlies win 30-20 while the final game ended up 30-22 in favor of Montana.

Georgia Southern returns to action Tuesday, September 11 when it travels to the College of Charleston for a match beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Laura Cox/STAFF

WEEKEND WITHOUT A WIN: The Lady Eagles travelled to Lawrence, Kansas to compete in the Kansas Invitational only to come home defeated by Kansas 3-0, Portland 3-0, and Montana 3-0.

Lady Eagles slip in invitational, 3-1 overall

G-A News Service

Columbia's Meredith Corkery scored a goal and added an assist as the Lions came from behind to down Georgia

Southern 3-1 Friday afternoon in the opening game of the Navy Soccer Invitational.

Sophomore striker Katie Szeghlami opened the scoring, beating Columbia keeper Erisa Aronson to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute.

Corkery answered the tie the game at one-all when she beat GSU keeper Tanya Woehr just before halftime at the 42:16 mark.

Columbia took the lead in the 59th minute when Lindsay Holmes scored off an assist from Corkery. Heather Burke accounted for the final score of the contest, beating Woehr at the 80:35 mark.

For the game, Woehr posted six saves, as Columbia's Aronson was credited with three saves.

The Eagles returned to action Sunday, taking on Navy at 12 noon.

Navy scored three first-half goals and cruised to a 3-1 victory

over Georgia Southern in the final day of action at the Navy Soccer Invitational.






Navy's Kara Hardebeck put the hosts ahead at the 17:44 mark, beating Eagle goalkeeper Kari Gast. Navy tallied twice more in the opening half, the first by Stacy Finley off a feed from Nadia Sheikh and the second unassisted by Amelia Sheveland.

Georgia Southern's Katie Szeghlami avoided an Eagle shutout when she scored on a header at the 50:56 mark. Jackie Kinsey and Lindsey Cummings were credited with assists on the goal.

For the game, Gast was credited with six saves, while Navy keeper Kate Macfarlane stopped seven shots.

Juniors Jackie Kinsey and Lindsey Cummings were named to the all-tournament team.

The Eagles (1-3) return to action Wednesday when they travel to Charleston, S.C. to take on Charleston Southern in a 4:00 p.m. match.

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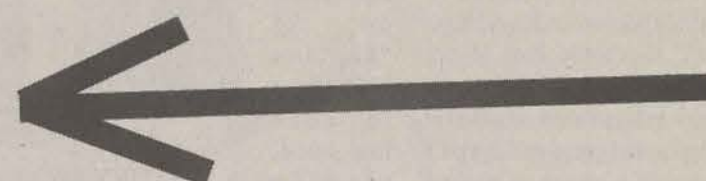
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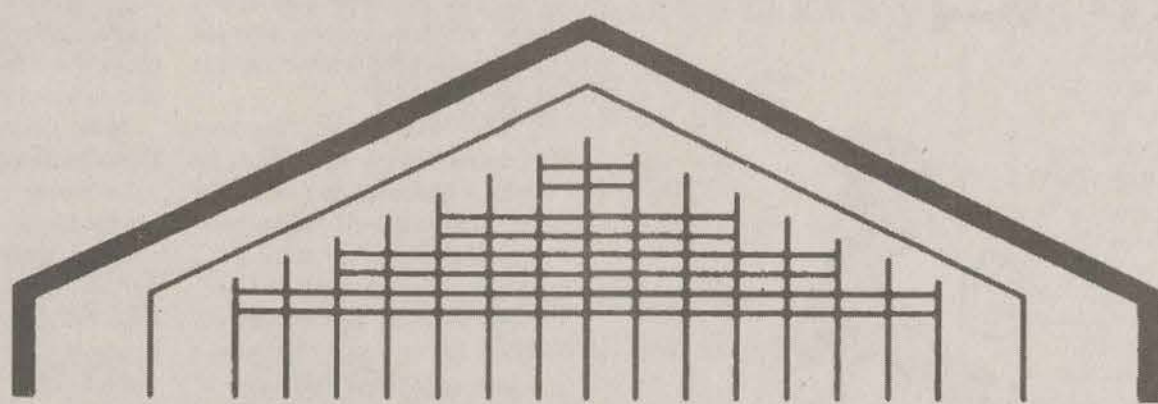
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Georgia celebrates a rich musical heritage

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In commemoration of Georgia Music Week, the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon, Georgia is hosting an array of musical festivities. Concerts and performances by Georgia-born artists began on September 8, and will be continuing throughout this week. Georgia Music Week will end in a finale show at 7p.m. on September 14 with The B-52's, Caroline Aiken, and Mother's Finest.

The legacy of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame began over 20 years ago, when Lt. Governor Zell Miller appointed the Senate music Industry Committee to begin work on a Hall of Fame that would preserve Georgia's rich musical heritage. The first inductees were Ray Charles and Bill Lowery in 1979. Since then, 83 artists have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, including the blues pioneer for which one of Statesboro's most popular clubs is named, "Blind Willie" McTell.

The Hall of Fame and the subsequently constructed Music Museum have drawn over 350,000 visitors from over 40 countries, making Macon a tourism hub in the center of Georgia. Visitors are impressed and amazed at the extensive and varied musical talent

produced in this state.

The stardom originating in Georgia stretches across every genre of music, from country to alternative. R.E.M., Widespread Panic, Trisha Yearwood, Alan Jackson, Travis Tritt, Kevn Kinney, and The B-52's are just some examples of the immense talent produced in Georgia.

The events that took place September 8 and 9 were part of "Kidz Jam 2001," and included live music, hands-on activities, "k i d z karaoke,"

and games. Performers included kid-pleasing artists Mike Fuller the Magician, Pam Blanchard and the Sunny-Side Up Band, and Carnie McQueen. All outdoor activities were free, and additional activities took place inside the Georgia Music Museum that could be attended at a cost of \$3 for children and \$6 for adults.

Today's events will include a

luncheon performance by a 9-piece band of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Tuesday's luncheon concert will showcase soul music veterans from Macon who have played individually with everyone from Otis Redding to James Brown.

On Wednesday, the mood will shift from very soulful to very southern with Redneck Greece Deluxe, a band out of Athens. RGD plays traditional country music with rock guitars and a lot of "hillbilly attitude."

"Underground legend," Caroline Aiken will perform Thursday. Aiken has long been respected for her "sensual voice, expert guitar, and masterful writing." She will perform again the following night for the finale concert.

For Friday's lunch-time show, King Johnson will step to the stage. The band King Johnson is a quintet

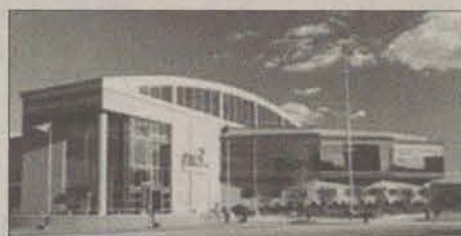
known for its New Orleans style, horn-driven southern grooves that radiate blues roots.

Friday night's concert, "Jammin' in the Street," featuring The B-52's, Mother's Finest, and Caroline Aiken will celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, therefore the performance will be free.

The entire Georgia Music Week is a predecessor to the 23rd Annual Georgia Music Hall of Fame Awards. The annual induction ceremony is held at Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Country superstar Alan Jackson is among the nominees and performers at this year's ceremony.

The Georgia Music Hall of Fame is open Monday - Saturday 9a.m. - 5p.m. and Sunday from 1p.m. - 5p.m. The museum is located at 200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. off I-75 and I-16 in Macon. Admission is \$6 for students with a valid ID and group discounts are available.

For ticket information on the 23rd Annual Georgia Music Hall of Fame Awards, call (770) 491-9494. For more information on the Hall of Fame and the Music Museum, call 478-750-8555 or 1-888-GA-ROCKS or visit the web site at <http://www.gamusichall.com>.



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A HISTORY OF GEORGIAN MUSIC: The Georgia Music Hall of Fame and Museum hosts "Georgia Music Week 2001" this week.

Touching comedy 'Kingdom Come' portrays stereotypical family

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The movie "Kingdom Come" played at the Russell Union Theater each night this weekend. The comedy focuses on a dysfunctional family in what is supposed to be a self-parody of

the African-American family. The movie is based on the play "Dearly Departed" by screenplay writers, Jesse Jones and David Dean Bottrell.

The story is focused on an African-American family attempting to grasp the sudden death of the family patri-

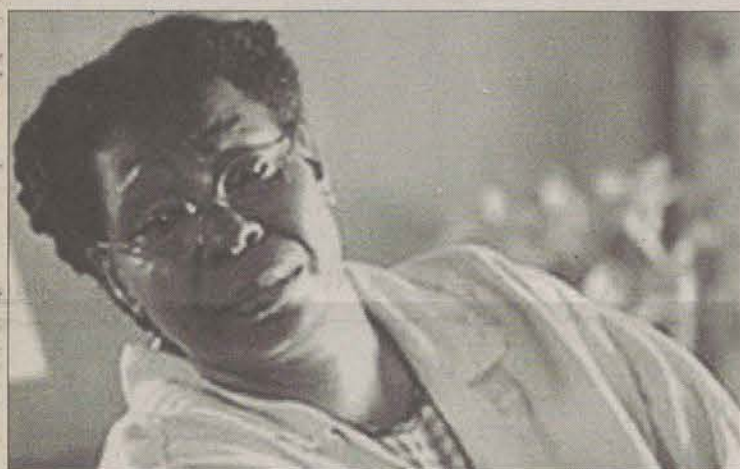
arch. The matriarch, Raynelle (Whoopi Goldberg) struggles to hold her family together before they kill each other.

As the plot moves on, it is apparent that Raynelle's children have problems of their own. Ray Bud, Raynelle's son, and his wife (played by LL Cool J and Vivica A. Fox) experience troubles having a baby. Besides that, Ray Bud is struggling to stay sober and Lucille is trying maintain an image of perfection in everyone's eyes.

Also included in the plot are Junior and his wife Charisse (Anthony Anderson and Jada Pinkett Smith). Junior quit his job to open up his own business and sell an invention that he created. His business venture flopped. The failure left his family and him broke and living in a trailer. Charisse thrives on attention, and makes a scene of herself whenever possible, including in the funeral home. On top of all of that, Charisse discovers that Junior cheated on her, which leads to a huge make-up in the middle of Junior's father's funeral.

Throw in Raynelle's bible-thumping sister-in-law Marguerite (Loretta Devine) and her son Royce (Darius McCrary), who she calls a "demon-seed", whose one ambition in life is to start a family so that he can go on welfare when his unemployment checks run out. There is the wealthy cousin Juanita (Toni Braxton) who is married only for the money that her husband makes as a doctor. Finally, add the Reverend (Cedric the Entertainer) whose speech impediment allows for the most humor in the movie, not to mention the gaseous speech during the funeral.

Most of the movie centers around stereotypes of the African-American community such as the shrew, the cheating husband, the layabout, the gold digger, the church lady, the church minister who uses words that are too big for the sentences he is using, and the serene widow. Unfortunately, the movie relies too heavily on the stereotypes, and not enough on the intriguing characters themselves.



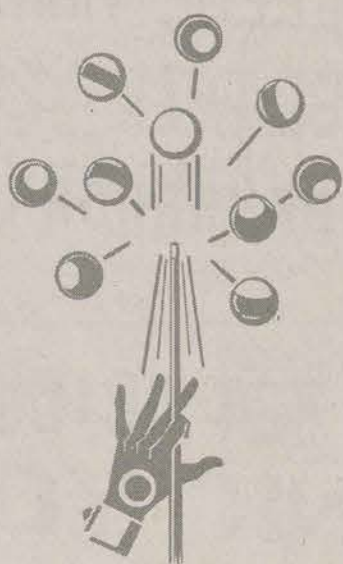
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SNEAK PREVIEW: Whoopi Goldberg stars in the African-American angst film "Kingdom Come" that previewed at the Union theatre this weekend.

Attention Pool Players! 8-Ball Tournament

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An upscale interview with a candid campus climber

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I first met Chet three years ago at Looking Glass Rock in North Carolina. I was on the "Parking Lot Ledge," about 350 feet up a climb called "The Nose." Being relatively new to climbing, I was somewhat nervous. Chet instantly recognized this and proceeded to comfort me by laughing at me and telling me how much he envied me.

Despite this first encounter, we became great friends. Last weekend when I noticed him climbing the Newton building, I decided an interview with him would be interesting.

Ordinarily, it is difficult to get the truth from Chet. I remember once a stranger asked him where he worked and he replied, "An eccentric entrepreneur in the software industry hired me to pick up road-kill in the Statesboro area, then build a casket for and bury them in a plot of land which my boss has purchased exclusively for this purpose."

If you ask him his major he will tell you something like "tactical subversion," or "feline science." In actuality, Chet is a math major and is a janitor for a local bar, which will remain anonymous because it does not wish to be associated with him.

The one thing Chet will talk candidly about is climbing. It is because of this I feel privileged to present the following interview with him:

G-A: Chet, why do you feel compelled to climb the buildings in and around campus?

Chet: Well Tim, as you are well aware I have been an avid climber for many years and find great pleasure in it. Before I discovered climbing, I was subject to great battles with depression and battles with severe psychosis. I climb because it is a relatively healthy release from anxiety and has taught me much about myself. I have become profoundly calmer and resolute in asserting myself as a result of climbing.

G-A: Surely you have heard that there's a climbing wall on campus. Why not use it?

Chet: Ha! That wall is not meant for climbers! That wall is there as a side-show attraction to give a small thrill to those who have never climbed a ladder or their gutters. My God, the thing is run by mountain bikers, whose special pleasure it is to ride down a hill as fast as their

primitive apparatus will allow, all the while subjecting their crotches to unnatural and exorbitantly painful blows from a 'seat' with a minimum amount of padding. They are masochists who care nothing for climbing.

G-A: Chet, I'm going to have to cut you off there. I'm conducting this interview because I feel you have a right to be heard, not so you can use it as a venue to make personal attacks on your adversaries.

Chet: I apologize. I tend to get carried away when I talk about climbing. Please continue.

G-A: You've attended schools in both North Carolina and California. Both of these areas have ample, high-quality climbing within short driving distance. Why then are you at Georgia Southern, a school that is hopelessly secluded from the mountains?

Chet: You see, it takes a special kind of student to consistently make the type of grades that I make. The schools I attended could not appreciate this, and so I left. In choosing GSU, I was looking for a school that could appreciate my special talents. The fact that there is no climbing nearby upsets me, but I'm primarily an 'academic'.

G-A: I heard that this is the only school that would accept you with such a low GPA.

Chet: That was also a deciding factor.

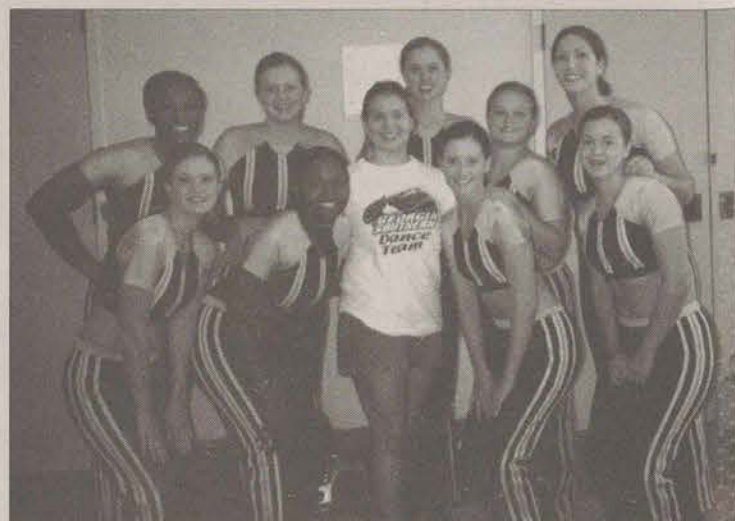
G-A: You must know climbing buildings is illegal. What will you do when you are caught?

Chet: The police around here recognize that I am a visionary, and thus far have left me alone. Should that change, however, the law and I will just have to agree to disagree and I will become civilly disobedient, like King or Gandhi.

G-A: Right, good luck with that. Finally, what advice do you have for aspiring climbers at GSU?

Chet: First, I suggest they don't allow the management of the climbing wall to corrupt them. Second, I would suggest they start a dialogue with one of the several real climbers who frequent the wall. Maybe one of them will take them under their wing.

GSU's Southern Explosion Dance team prepares for an exciting new season



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RHYTHM AND MUSIC: The Southern Explosion Dance Team is part of Campus Recreation and Intramurals and will hold tryouts this coming Friday and Saturday night.

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If you are interested in getting involved with an extremely active and prestigious athletic group at GSU, this is your chance.

The award-winning Southern Explosion Dance Team is looking for "great new members to start the year off." The team will hold tryouts September 14 and 15 at the RAC. There is a \$5 fee to tryout. On Friday, tryouts will take place between 6 and 9p.m. The tryouts will continue Saturday night from 10p.m. until all tryouts are completed.

The Southern Explosion Dance Team practices varied dance methods ranging from the fluid movements of classical ballet and modern dance to the fast pace beat of jazz. In any style of dance, Southern Explosion attempts to convey the importance and power of dance to their audience.

Southern Explosion performs

throughout the southeast and at every GSU men's basketball game. The team begins each season by attending the National Dance Alliance College Camp, where they receive training in pom, funk, and jazz.

Nine members of Southern Explosion attended the National Dance Alliance camp from August 12 - 14 at Myrtle Beach this summer and competed against teams from across the nation. GSU received a national bid to the College National Dance Team Championships in April at Daytona Beach, Florida.

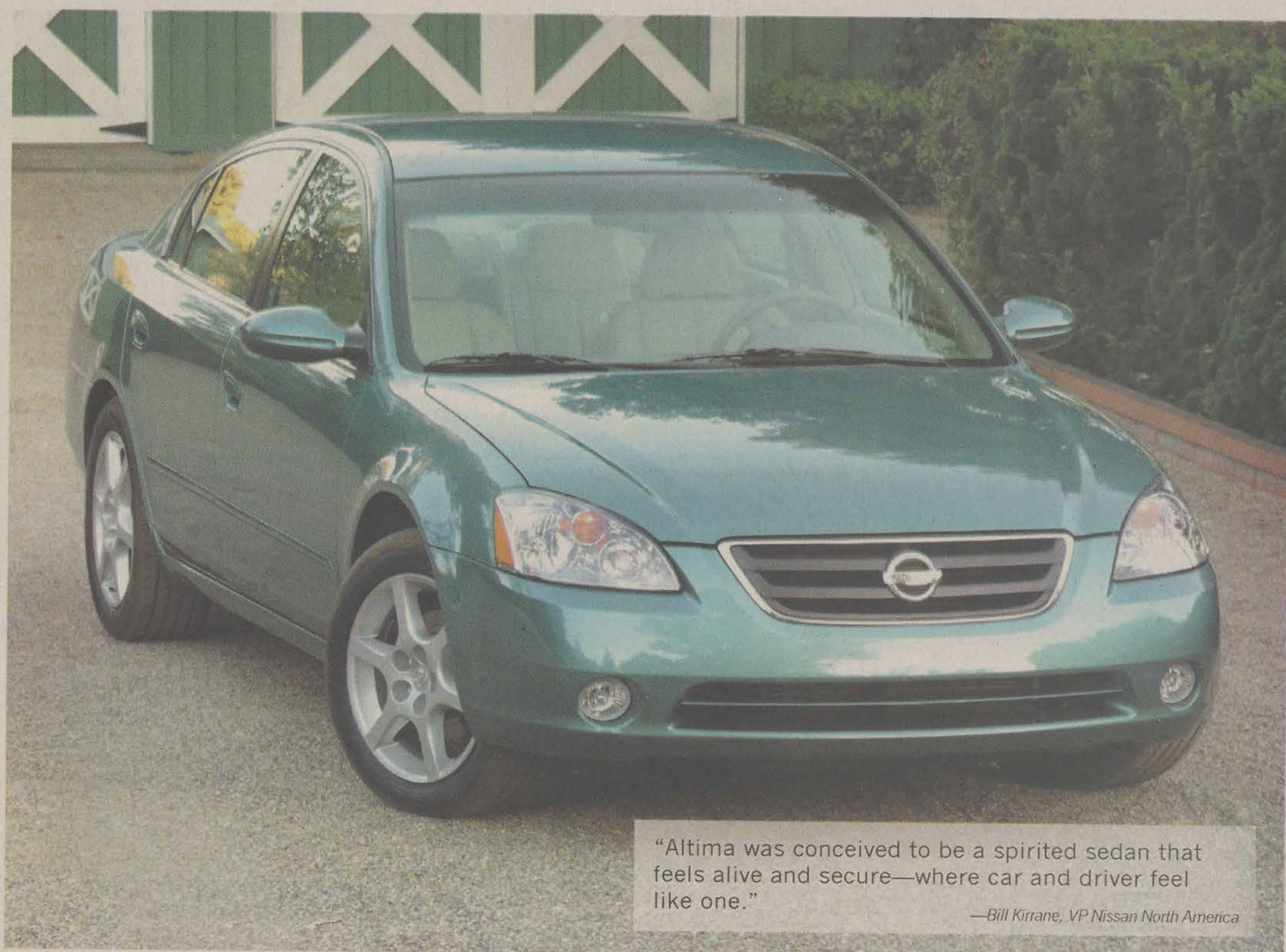
At the National Championships last year, their first time competing in the finals, Southern Explosion ranked in 11th place, and learned many new routines for basketball season.

For more information on the Southern Explosion Dance Team call Brandi Bjorklund at 681-2581 or visit http://www2.gasou.edu/cr/southern_explosion.htm



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